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SUBJECT: CAT ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HELSINKI

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1. DISCUSSION WITH SOVIET EMBASSY. SOVIET EMBASSY MINISTER-COUNSELOR STRELTSOV AND DCM DISCUSSED ON APRIL 19 THE STATUS OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MAY 3-8 CAT TALKS IN HELSINKI. STRELTSOV SAID THAT MENDELEVICH IS PLANNING TO ARRIVE IN HELSINKI BY TRAIN AROUND NOON ON MAY 3. THE SOVIET EMBASSY WILL PLAN TO HOST A HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING AT 6 P.M. ON MAY 3.

2. DCM TOLD STRELTSOV THAT U.S. EMBASSY APPEARS TO BE SITE OF THE FIRST PLENARY SESSION ON MORNING OF MAY 4, AND THAT THE AMBASSADOR IS PLANNING TO HOST A FORMAL LUNCHEON AT EMBASSY RESIDENCE ON MAY 4. DCM ALSO INDICATED ALTERNATING PLENARY SESSIONS WOULD BE HELD ON MAY 4, 5, 6, AND 8. STRELTSOV HAS NOT YET MENTIONED A RECIPROCAL LUNCHEON AT SOVIET EMBASSY.

3. STRELTSOV ASKED WHETHER U.S. SIDE IS CONSIDERING JOINT HEADS OF DELEGATION CALL ON FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTER PAAVO VAYRYNEN AT SOME POINT DURING THE TALKS.
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IF THIS IS DESIRED HE SUGGESTED HELSINKI EMBASSIES, WHEN INSTRUCTED, APPROACH MFA TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT. DEPARTMENT PLEASE ADVISE.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.
A. AS EMBASSY WILL BE RENTING SOME OF THE CONFERENCE ROOM FURNITURE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL NOW TO KNOW, WHAT

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS DOES THE DELEGATION SUGGEST FOR THE ROOM? HOW MANY DELEGATION MEMBERS WOULD BE SEATED AT THE TABLE, AND HOW MANY NORMALLY WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM? WE ASSUME THE SOVIET SIDE WILL HAVE ROUGHLY AN EQUAL NUMBER, AND WE WILL PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

B. WILL DELEGATION HAVE OWN PRESS OFFICER? EMBASSY PRESS ATTACHE READY TO ASSIST AS DELEGATION WISHES.

C. WOULD APPRECIATE LIST OF DELEGATION MEMBERS AND TITLES OR FUNCTIONS TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING OFFICE ARRANGEMENTS, INVITATIONS, ETC.

D. AT PRESENT EMBASSY HAS 18 ROOMS AT HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL RESERVED FOR MAY 3 TO 9. IF ROOMS WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE OR AFTER THOSE DATES, PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.

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